



153 West Main Street, Babylon Village, New York 11702

Fall/Winter 2017-2018

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RALPH A. SCORDINO

Five years ago this past October, Superstorm Sandy devastated many of Long Island's Southshore communities including Babylon Village. Slowly, life has returned to normal for most residents affected by the storm. After assessing the storm's aftermath back in 2012, the Village Board, along with construction professionals, determined it would take about five to six years to see our Village recover and thrive. They were correct in that prediction. We have come back stronger than ever, though our altered landscape will always remind us of the storm's damage. On behalf of myself and all the Babylon Village Trustees, I want to say a heartfelt "thank you" to the many volunteer organizations who have so selflessly aided those in need due to Sandy and helped foster the vision of a stronger and more united Village. You are a treasured part of our community.

Our Village provides many events and activities that make living here a pleasure for all. The ever-popular annual *5k Run, Apples and Art Festival* at the Conklin House and our fall *Merchant's Street Fair* were very well attended. The Chamber of Commerce presented their *Safe Trick or Treat* program throughout the business district on October 28th. Hundreds of young costumed trick-or-treaters enjoyed the sunny, mild weather as they walked in the Halloween Parade and enjoyed lots of goodies and surprises. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, Suffolk County Police Department, our Code Enforcement and Highway Personnel and the Babylon School District for making this a safe, fun-filled day in our Village.

Boy Scout Eagle projects continue to beautify our streets. Recent additions include benches in Argyle Park, Bat Boxes at Southards Pond and stenciled fish logos at storm drains emptying into the Great South Bay. Local Girl Scout troops replanted and beautified a Cooper Street garden and Science Fridays, a component of the 2017 summer recreation program, was part of a Gold Award project by Paige Byzdk. Thank you, Scouts!

Improvements are always ongoing in Babylon Village. Drainage and road work has begun on Locust Ave. The State has just awarded a contract to install generators at Village Hall and the N. Carll Avenue fire house in 2018 with funding provided by NY Rising. Our annual fall *S.T.O.P* program was again very successful with the 4th annual paper shredding component having significant impact on preserving our environment.

As the holidays quickly approach, I encourage all Babylon residents to take part in the many fun traditions that make our Village a winter wonderland. The **November 26th Decorate A Light Pole** kicks off the holiday season to be followed by the annual Chamber of Commerce's *Old Fashioned Village Christmas* on **Friday, December 1st**. This year, the Village is closing Deer Park Avenue to all vehicular traffic from Railroad Avenue South to Montauk Highway. Activities for children and adults are planned along Deer Park Avenue. Come out, have fun and shop locally to support our many terrific merchants. That same evening, *Christmas at the Conklin House* will delight the eyes as doors open for all to view the magnificent decorations that adorn each room. On **Sunday, December 3rd**, there will be the traditional *Tree Lighting* at Argyle Park with caroling and a visit from Santa. Following the tree lighting, plan to walk down to the Babylon Historical Society Museum to share a cup of cheer with friends and neighbors

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at the annual *Wassail Bowl Celebration*. And don't forget the fun *Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner* on **December 3rd** at Babylon High School.

As the cold weather is upon us, please be careful when driving around our community and remember to be aware of snow removal procedures, which are outlined in this newsletter. If possible, please keep drains near your home clear. The Village website at www.villageofbabylonny.gov and [babylonnvillagefacebook@gmail.com](https://www.facebook.com/babylonnvillage) will post critical weather and snow-related information. We did a terrific job of keeping our streets and walkways safe last year. Let's continue to work together to keep our roads and sidewalks safe for everyone. If there is a fire hydrant in front of your home, please make sure to remove the snow around it so that emergency services can easily locate it.

As always, please keep our service men and women in your prayers and remember their families as it is so difficult for them to be without their loved ones, especially at this time of the year.

On behalf of the **Village Board - Kevin Muldowney, Anthony Davida, Debbie Basile and Mary Adams** - I wish you peace this holiday season and send best wishes for happy, healthy and safe 2018.

Watch Your Wake!

Please be cautious when driving through water in residential areas. Speed creates actual wakes that can wash over curbs and front lawns, killing grass and plants. Drive slowly through any standing water and help keep our Village safe and beautiful.



"MOVE OVER" LAW EXPANDED

NYS requires motorists to slow down and move over a lane, if possible, when approaching emergency vehicles, including police cars, fire trucks and tow trucks. ***The law has recently been expanded to include garbage trucks displaying an amber light.***

First-time violators can be fined up to \$150, get 15 days in jail or both, as well as two points on a driver's license.

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON



The Babylon Fire Department reminds us to follow these holiday safety tips:

1. Always use candles with care. Never leave them unattended.
2. Select toys with safety in mind.
3. If displaying a fresh tree, remember to keep it watered daily.
4. Never leave a lighted tree unattended.
5. Inspect decorative lights for frayed wires or damage.
6. Follow the instruction manual when installing smoke or carbon monoxide detectors. Replace batteries in devices already in use.

Other winter safety tips to keep in mind are:

- **Make sure your house number is visible in the dark.**

AS WINTER APPROACHES, PLEASE REMEMBER...



- Residents are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalks at their homes.
- All parked vehicles must be moved from the streets in residential and business areas to enable snow plows to safely do their job. **Vehicle removal is the responsibility of residents.**
- **Businesses** are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalks in front of their stores within 24 hours of a snow-fall. This is important for the safety of your customers and employees.
- Please make sure to clean all gutters on homes and garages.



AUTUMN AT THE CONKLIN HOUSE



A record number of people enjoyed this year's recent Apples and Art Festival held the weekend of October 20th. Special thanks to Karen Petz and Larry Nye who planned the successful artist reception on that Friday night and the exhibit

throughout the weekend.

Thanks to Skip Gardner, Scott Glenn and all the crew who volunteered for this event. Gratitude also to Margaret Rohl along with her many dedicated volunteers who ran the Apple Festival on Saturday.

In addition, on October 29th, Wayne Horsley was presented with the Nathaniel Conklin Award for Volunteerism. A small reception for family and friends was held immediately after.



CHRISTMAS AT THE CONKLIN HOUSE

Trustee Debbie Basile reports that Christmas activities at the Conklin House begin with the *Holiday Cookie Contest* on **Thursday, November 30th**. Residents of all ages can submit their cookies in several categories and distinguished community members serve as judges. To participate, please call Cindy Theiss at [587-6352](tel:587-6352) or Kathy Ruggieri at [669-2970](tel:669-2970), or register at the Babylon Public Library.

On **Friday, December 1st from 6-9pm** come celebrate *Christmas at the Conklin House*. Visitors can tour the lovely rooms which will be beautifully decorated for the holidays by community members. Light refreshments will be served including the delicious cookies from the cookie contest.

On **Sunday, December 3rd from 12-4pm** the Conklin House is holding its annual *Picture Perfect Christmas* photo shoot thanks to professional photographer Cecilia Boschelli of Boschelli Photography of Babylon.

As always, we thank our wonderful committee of volunteers who donate their talents and time to make the Conklin House such a delightful holiday showcase.



And coming to the Conklin House in 2018...

A variety of cultural events are being planned at the Conklin House in the new year. Our annual *Dinner for Eight* is being held on **Saturday, March 24th**. Raffle tickets are \$20 each; 3 for \$50. The winner, along with seven others of their choosing, will be treated to a sumptuous and elegant dinner at the Conklin House. The ever-popular *Afternoon Tea* returns **Sunday, April 22** featuring savory and sweet treats, various teas. A guest speaker will be featured at this year's event. For details or to purchase tickets, call the Conklin House at [669-8164](tel:669-8164).

Please watch The Babylon Beacon for full details on these and more activities/events planned for 2018. If you would like to be added to our "Events Alert" notifications of upcoming Conklin House offerings, please call [669-8164](tel:669-8164) and leave your name and email address or email us at conklinhouse@yahoo.com



VILLAGE GOLF COURSE NEWS

Trustee Kevin Muldowney reports another busy October at the E. Donald Conroy Golf Course. On October 7th, the course held its 14th annual *Village Cup Tournament*. Forty golfers, representing twenty Village organizations, competed for the trophy. In the past, the trophy has been won by The Babylon Booster Club, the Babylon Fire Department, the EDC GC Men's League and The Babylon Rotary. This year, the team of Sam Zamet and David McKenny, representing the Babylon Lions Club, played a great round of 61, to just nip the E. Donald Conroy Men's League and Summer League, who both shot a 62.

The men's and women's leagues held their respective tournaments recently. Dan Drance shot a combined three day score of 93 to edge out Fred Sweetapple with a score of 95 to win the men's league championship.

Mary Alice Markham won this year's women's league title with a two round score of 64. She edged out Cindy Verini, who shot a 67.

The 2nd Annual Evening Summer Golf League at Sumpwams Creek wrapped up on August 30th with Dan Herb beating Tom Dempsey in the final pairing of the 16 person Match Play Tournament. Dan won the match play competition on the 8th hole to seal the deal and win the cup. Congrats on a well-deserved victory!

Anyone interested in any of the clubs tournaments or leagues can call the course at [669-2340](tel:669-2340) to get more information.

2017
Village Cup
Tournament
Winners representing the
Babylon Lion's
Club

Sam Zamet (l)
Dave McKenny
(center)
with Village
Trustee Kevin
Muldowney.



Weather permitting, the course will remain open through December. Stop by and take advantage of the "Winter Special" going on now: **Play 18 holes for the price of 9!** (Monday through Thursday only.)



GOLF GIFT CERTIFICATES: The Perfect Stocking Stuffer!

Available for Purchase at the Golf Course
Or the Village Clerk's Office



ATTENTION SENIORS Tax Exemption News

The maximum income to qualify for a Senior Citizen Exemption is \$30,000. If you had a 2017 exemption you should have received your renewal application. If you did not have a 2017 exemption, you can download the application at the bottom of our website page, come into the Village Clerks office and pick one up or we will mail one to you. All applications must be received in the Office of the Village Clerk no later than **December 29, 2017**, however, earlier in December is recommended.

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!

Trustee Mary Adams reports the Babylon Historical Society, in cooperation with the Village of Babylon, will host the annual *Tree Lighting Ceremony* at 4pm on Sunday, December 3rd in Argyle Park. Completing the tree lighting and choir singing, will be the arrival of Santa Claus! Immediately following the tree lighting on December 3rd at 4pm the Historical Society invites the public to the annual *Wassail Bowl* at its museum on Main Street. Relive tradition and enjoy Village history among friends and neighbors sharing a cup of warm, mulled cider, or Wassail.

Holiday Shopping Night - Enjoy an evening of Dickens as you stroll the downtown streets of Babylon Village! The Babylon Village Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual *Old Fashioned Night of Shopping* on Friday, December 1st from 5pm-9pm. Listen to holiday music, browse in our quaint Village shops and stores and, of course, there is Santa Claus on a horse drawn wagon! Mingle with family and friends and enjoy the holiday spirit! Raindate: December 8th



Gingerbread Contest - On Friday, December 8th, it's *The Dickens Gingerbread Contest!* Bring your ALREADY DECORATED gingerbread house to the sidewalk in front of Fitness Incentive on Deer Park Avenue between 5-5:30pm for a prompt 6pm judging. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners! Sponsored by the Babylon Village Chamber of Commerce.

Decorate Your "Home for the Holidays" Contest - Show off your home holiday decorating skills! Sponsored by the Babylon Beautification Society. Enter your home into a holiday decorating contest! 3 prizes will be awarded. For application and deadline info; babylonbeautification.org. There is plenty of time to gather ideas and get those decorations ready!

Trustee Mary Adams reports that the Village of Babylon, in cooperation with the Babylon Village Library, hosted "Night at the Museum" for children on Saturday, October 21st. With the big screen TV, children enjoyed refreshments and HOT popcorn! Pumpkins and "goodie" bags were given to each attendee.

Special thanks to the Babylon Village Library. We look forward to more such enjoyable events!

DOCKING NEWS

Boaters are reminded that **all boats in Village berths are to be out of the water by December 1** and all lines removed from the poles, so as not to hinder the Village's ice breaking program during the winter months. Winter boat berths, are still available in Argyle Basin and on Shore Road. Boats can be moored for a fee of \$250. It is an economical alternative to pulling your boat out of the water for the winter months. This program is also open to non-village residents. If interested, please call the Village Clerk's office at [669-1500](tel:669-1500).

HOW ABOUT THAT SNAPPER DERBY?

The Babylon Tuna Club held their annual Snapper Derby on Saturday, August 26th, 2017 and there wasn't an open spot on the dock. Over 37 prizes were awarded at this family fun-filled day of fishing. Over 97 snappers were caught along with 2 fluke and a toadfish.

Congratulations to all the winners and participants and especially to weighmaster Doug Laukatis, who had a very busy day! Thanks to the Babylon Tuna Club for sponsoring this great family event. All the children left with smiles on their faces.



SHREDDING PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL AGAIN!

For the 4th year in a row, Babylon Village added a paper shredding component to it's fall S.T.O.P. Program held on September 23rd. Village residents showed their concern for the environment as well as their desire to protect their personal information from identity theft. Many families participated in the S.T.O.P. Program and 134 households and individuals participated in the shredding program. How does the Village paper shredding translate into real numbers? Take a look at what's been saved:

40.375 Trees
142.5 Pounds of Particulate Air Pollution
4.75 Barrels of Oil
9737.5 Kilowatts of Electricity
7.6 Cubic Yards of Landfill

A TREE GROWS IN BABYLON

Trustee Mary Adams reports that over 30 applications were received from residents for our Village Tree Planting Program. Plantings will be arranged shortly for curb line trees in front of resident's homes. A special "Thank You" to our Maintenance and Highway crews, as well as our Village "greenhouse ladies" for all their efforts in making sure we are Babylon Village beautiful.



SUMMER JOBS APPLICATIONS

Starting February 20th, 2018, the Village will be accepting applications for summer employment. Employment opportunities are available at the Village Pool, Parks and Recreation Department, the Highway Department and clerical positions in Village Hall. Applicants should be at least 16 years old. Applications will be accepted for residents 15 years old for use only if additional students are needed.

For more information, call the Mayor's Office at [669-1212](tel:669-1212).

Babylon Village CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 30	Cookie Contest at the Conklin House
December 1	Chamber of Commerce Old Fashioned Village Christmas
December 1	Christmas at the Conklin House
December 3	Conklin House Christmas Photos, 12-4PM
December 3	Christmas Tree Lighting 4:00 PM
December 3	Wassail Bowl at Historical Society, 4-5 PM
December 3	Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
December 25*	Christmas Holiday Observed (<i>Village Hall closed</i>)
December 29	Last date to file Veterans and Senior Exemptions
January 1*	New Year's Holiday Observed (<i>Village Hall closed</i>)
January 15*	Martin Luther King's Birthday (<i>Village Hall closed</i>)
February 19*	Presidents' Day (<i>Village Hall closed</i>)
March 30	Good Friday (<i>Village Hall closes at 12:00 noon</i>)

* **NO garbage, rubbish or recycling pick-up on holidays.**

When rubbish or recycling collection falls on a holiday, please do not put items out for pick-up until your regular scheduled rubbish/recycling day the following week. If you have questions, please call [669-4878](tel:669-4878), Monday to Friday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM.



Mayor Ralph A. Scordino



Trustee Kevin Muldowney



Trustee Mary Adams



Trustee Anthony Davida



Trustee Debbie Basile



Justice John Rafter



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Village Hall Hours: Monday through Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Highway & Sanitation Hours: Monday through Friday 7 AM - 4 PM

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669-1212	Mayor's Office	669-4878	Sanitation Dept.
669-1500	Village Clerk	587-6270	Treasurer
669-1500	Receiver of Taxes	669-1771	Village Justice
669-1523	Registrar	669-1756	Historical Society
669-1300	Building Inspector	587-7707	Village Pool (Summer)
669-1300	Assessor	669-2340	Golf Course
669-4878	Highway Dept.	669-8164	Conklin House
669-4878	Parks Dept.		

Police911

Fire & Rescue 911 or 226-1212

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